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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security (S/1999/1071)

Other matters

Morning*	4053rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 11th meeting | Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Bahrain
Sri Lanka
Philippines
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
Israel
Benin
Ukraine
Japan

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 11th meeting | Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 12 noon | 15th meeting | Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4

(e) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2

2. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/54/389)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/54/8 and A/54/322)

(d) Human resources development (A/54/408)

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (A/54/207 and A/C.2/54/2)

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 16th meeting | Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

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(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

Continuation of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

2. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11

2. Advancement of Women [109]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.14-L.16

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

4. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

Joint Inspection Unit [123] (A/53/841, A/54/34 and A/54/223)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945, A/53/7/Add.12 and A/C.5/54/L.7))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Pattern of Conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

Continuation of general discussion

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* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

2. Executive session on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 19 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place *today*, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 19 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on the International Year of Older Persons)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on economic and technical cooperation for developing countries and renewal of the dialogue)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Director of INSTRAW)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on economic and technical cooperation for developing countries, renewal of the dialogue and developing human resources for development)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 19 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be an informal meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *today*, 19 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the International Year of Older Persons *today*, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women *today*, 19 October 1999, at 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas") will be held *today*, 19 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Meetings of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on illicit trafficking in small arms, *today*, 19 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold an open-ended meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (m) (Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas), organized by the delegation of Brazil, *today*, 19 October 1999, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of like-minded countries and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, organized by the delegation of Mozambique, *today*, 19 October 1999, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	35th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Inplementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B, to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The thirty-fourth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

In addition, M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(draft resolutions on linkages and synergies among environmental and environment-related conventions and on desertification)* on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)* at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, in Conference Room 8, and Thursday, 21 October 1999, in Conference Room E.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on racism and racial discrimination)* on Friday, 22 October 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 3.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be an open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (b) (Transparency in Armaments), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshops

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 15 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/54/1/Add.1) regarding the allocation to the Fifth Committee of an additional sub-item entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" under agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations).

The Chairman also drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 18-22 October 1999.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations:

(ii) Peacekeeping missions

The representative of Panama, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this aspect of the agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Findings of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement process in UNAVEM

The representative of Panama, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.6.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Norway.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, made a statement.

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.7.

After a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Algeria, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United Republic of Tanzania and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Following a request by the representative of Guyana, the Chairman suspended the meeting.

Upon resumption of the meeting statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

After a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Algeria and Canada.

Organization of work

Following a suspension of the meeting the Chairman informed the Committee of the recommendations of the Bureau regarding the programme of work for the week of 18-22 October 1999.

Monday, 18 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Armenia, Tunisia, Australia (President of the Conference on Disarmament), the Republic of Moldova, Kyrgystan, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka (Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean) and the United Republic of Tanzania.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 10th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee observed one minute of silence in tribute to their memory.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations contained in document A/54/87 and the report of the Secretary-General on the enhancement of African peacekeeping capacity contained in document A/54/63-S/1999/171, as well as to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/54/L.2*.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of the Special Committee contained in document A/54/87.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Denmark, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the Associated countries Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland), Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Norway, Indonesia (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)), Egypt, the Philippines, Kazakhstan, Colombia and Japan.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Thailand (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Portugal, Nepal, Pakistan, the Sudan, China, Ukraine (also on behalf of the Republic of Moldova), the United States, Ecuador, Azerbaijan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, El Salvador (on behalf of the Central American countries), the Philippines, Egypt, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria and Iraq.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement in which he announced that action would be taken on Thursday, 21 October, at 3 p.m. on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.6, L.10, L.14, L.15 and L.16.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Peter Van De Velde (Belgium), introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway), Cyprus and the United States.

The representative of Kenya also made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/11).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Pakistan, Norway, Uganda (on behalf of Member States of East African Cooperation), India, Belarus, Brazil, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, the Republic of Korea and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee reminded the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a) to (f) would be Friday, 22 October 1999, at 6 p.m.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th and 9th meetings

Note: The summary of the 8th and 9th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/201).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1999

1783rd meeting

Opening of the session by the Chairperson [1]

The Chairperson opened the sixty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee.

Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant [2]

Mr. Louis Henkin, elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties, made the solemn declaration.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/139 and the programme of work.

Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Organizational and other matters [4]

The Committee adopted lists of issues in respect to reports and its draft general comment on article 12.

1784th meeting

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

In public session, it adopted its consolidated guidelines for States reports under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR/C/66/GUI).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burkina Faso
H.E. Mr. Michel Kafando

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Francisco Tudela

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

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